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SUBJ: OPENING SESSION OF THIRD BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF ALL-WHITE

SOUTH AFRICAN CONFEDERATION OF LABOUR (CONFED)

REF: JOHANNESBURG'S 0554

1. SPEECHES AT OPENING SESSION JUNE 6 CONTAINED NO SURPRISES.
2. MINISTER OF MINES IMMIGRATION SPORT AND RECREATION, PIET KOORNHOF, WHILE GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO ASSURE WHITE LEADERS THAT SAG WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING TO JEOPARDIZE INTERESTS OF WHITE WORKERS IN WHITE SOUTH AFRICA, NEVERTHELESS CALLED UPON WHITE UNIONS TO COOPERATE IN ENSURING CONTINUING ECONOMIC GROWTH BY SUPPOGOING ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY EFFORTS TO MAKE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE PRODUCTIVE USE OF BLACK LABOR.

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3. OUTGOING CONFED PRESIDENT IVAN MARTIN RESPONDED WITH WARNING

THAT WORKERS WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE TO DEMAND VERY SUBSTANTIAL
WAGE INCREASES UNLESS SAG DID SOMETHING DRASTIC TO CURB RAPIDLY
INCREASING COST OF LIVING. HE ALSO ADVISED SAG TO MAKE HAST
SLOWLY WITH EFFORTS TO REPLACE WHITE WORKERS WITH BLACKS IN
WHITE AREAS.

4. REFERRING TO FRONT PAGE STORY IN JUNE 5 RAND DAILY MAIL
ABOUT BRITISH TUC PLANS TO ASSIST BLACK TRADE UNIONS IN SOUTH
AFRICA (REFTEL) VICE PRESIDENT ARTHUR NIEUWOUDT CALLED UPON SAG
TO PREVENT COMMUNIST-TAINTED FOREIGN TRADE UNIONS FROM INTERFERING
IN SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
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